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In re Patent Application of:
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For: A Wheel Bearing And A Bearing Apparatus
For A Wheel Of Vehicle Of Semi-Floating
Type Having The Wheel Bearing

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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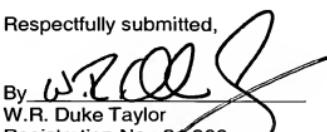
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AA*	US-5,603,554-A	02-18-1997	Monroe et al.		
AB*	US-2002/0025093-A1	02-28-2002	Sahashi et al.		
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BB	JP-2002-021865-A		01-23-2002		✓
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